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EC 498 Senior Thesis Research
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This seminar is for students writing honors theses in economics. The course serves three purposes. First, the seminar provides background information on how to write a thesis. Second, it provides structure to the thesis-writing process, affording students the opportunity to make presentations of their work and receive feedback. Finally, the seminar allows thesis writers the opportunity to meet together as a group and benefit from each other's insights.

Meetings

We will meet once early in the semester to set up the schedule for presentations in March and April. I will have office hours on Tuesday's from 10:30 to 11:30 when we are not meeting. Each of you should plan to stop by and fill me in on your progress during February. I'll also be checking with your advisers to make sure all is going well.

Presentations

The presentations will be about 45-50 minutes in length. A suggested format is described in the handout from last semester on developing a thesis proposal.

Deadlines

Students must provide their advisers and me with a draft of their thesis prior to their presentation. You should, of course, be handing in material and receiving feedback from your advisers throughout the semester. Students are to revise their draft and turn in a final version to their advisers and me by the last day of classes, April 30. The thesis will then be given to a "third reader," a faculty member who is to read the completed work and provide comments to the adviser and myself as to the quality of the thesis.